

REMARKS

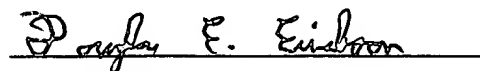
Reexamination and reconsideration of the application as amended are requested. Claim 18 has been amended as required by the examiner.

It is noted that the first line of item 2 on page 2 of the office action should read "Claims 1-17 and 9-25 are allowed" to conform to item 5 of the office action summary.

In regard to the examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, applicant would like to add a comment, with respect to at least claims 24 and 25, that also, none of the prior art teaches or suggests, among other things, a timing or a carrier synchronizer that is coupled with a controller, which sweep between the upper and lower limit of sweep rates, and switching to a tracking mode if a lock is achieved at a first sweep rate, and selecting a different sweep rate if a lock is not achieved. Also, with respect to the examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter as found in item 2.b) on page 2 of the office action, the beginning of line 3 of item 2.b) on page 2 should read "sweep rates" and not "timing rates".

Inasmuch as each of the objections has been answered by the above remarks and amended claims, it is respectfully requested that the objections be withdrawn, and that this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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